

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: State Energy Advisory Board

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Energy

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

State Energy Advisory Board

3b. GSA Committee No.

459

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

07/25/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

07/25/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

P.L. 101-440

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 101-440

13. Effective Date

10/18/1990

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 4 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 4 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Introduce the purpose of STEAB, and prepare the Board to fulfill its mission.	05/18/2018	05/18/2018
EERE staff provided an update on activities and initiatives. STEAB started the development of recommendations.	07/12/2018	07/13/2018
Welcome new members and to develop recommendations for the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy	08/16/2018	08/16/2018
To make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.	09/20/2018	09/20/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 4

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$93,813.00	\$93,813.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$15,273.86	\$45,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$4,000.00

18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$11,007.99	\$60,000.00
18d. Total	\$120,094.85	\$202,813.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.50	0.50

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Board's specific purpose, as outlined by statutory mandate, is to make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) with respect to (1.a) the energy efficiency goals and objectives of programs carried out under Parts D and G of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act and under part A, Title IV of the Energy Conservation & Production Act; (1.b) to make administrative and policy recommendations to improve these programs, including actions that should be considered to encourage non-Federal resources (including private resources) to supplement Federal financial assistance; (2) to serve as a liaison between the states and the Department of Energy on energy efficiency and renewable energy resource programs; (3) to encourage transfer of the results of the energy efficiency and renewable energy activities carried out by the Federal Government; and (4) to submit an annual report to the Secretary and Congress on the activities carried out by the Board in the previous fiscal year. The Board also provides advice to the Assistant Secretary on a range of other topics, one of them being technology transfer issues. The STEAB accomplishes its purpose in several ways. The Board meets in person two to three times a year to discuss major issues, goals, initiatives, and challenges facing state and local governments where DOE's programs and efforts play a helpful role in overcoming barriers and facilitating progress. All meetings of STEAB's full membership are open to the public and announced in the Federal Register. The meetings are comprised of members of the Board, DOE staff, and occasionally invited parties from other agencies or organizations. Additionally, the Board conducts monthly open teleconference calls which allow them to stay informed on issues-of-interest, and also creates a forum for discussion about policy changes, state and local program updates, and allows for discussion of other significant issues affecting energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. For the Board meetings, committee members spend substantial time preparing and analyzing issues for discussion. From these meetings, recommendations are proposed, voted on by the Board, and ultimately submitted to the Assistant Secretary.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

By Statute, Board membership ranges from no less than 18 members, to no more than 21 members, all of whom are appointed by the Secretary of Energy. Membership regulations are outlined in Public Law 101-440, Section 5 as follows: At least eight (8) members shall be Directors of the state office responsible for developing state energy conservation plans

pursuant to Section 362 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, and at least four (4) members shall be directors of state or local low-income weatherization assistance programs. Other members shall be persons who have experience in energy efficiency or renewable energy programs from the private sector, consumer interest groups, utilities, public utility commissions, educational institutions, financial institutions, local government energy programs or research institutions. Other members may include state, local, county, and city government officials who meet one of the statutory categories. A majority of the members of the Board shall be state employees. The members of the Board are appointed for a three-year term, with one-third of the total terms expiring each year. The Board, as mandated, shall be non-partisan. The committee balances its membership by looking for representation from states in different geographic locations. The Committee also balances its membership by appointing women and minorities.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Board meets two to three times per year in open public meetings. At least one meeting every year is held in Washington, D.C. Aside from the full Board Meetings, the Board also conducts monthly open teleconference calls to maintain continuity of its discussions and develop recommendations for the Assistant Secretary. The aforementioned meetings and teleconferences allow the Board to maintain an on-going dialogue of timely efforts relating to EERE programs, technology transfer, and state issues. In FY18 there were fewer meetings than normal due to the timing of appointments to the Board.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

STEAB is comprised of individuals who bring together unique perspectives and expertise relating to public and private sector energy issues from both state and local vantage points. It is a formal, continuing, statutory body which provides advice to the Assistant Secretary for EERE. It represents an important group of energy efficiency and renewable energy constituencies in a more regular and involved way than ad hoc stakeholder groups convened for a single purpose. STEAB is unlike other FACA committees within EERE as it is not program specific, and therefore can advise and make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary on all EERE technology and policy endeavors. The Board offers a forum for the exchange of ideas and information through which Federal, state, and local voices can be heard at the Department of Energy, thus offering invaluable information to the Assistant Secretary to inform ways in which the Department can effectively accelerate the progress of Federal, state, and local energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives. With significant EERE funds directed annually to state and local governments and tribal entities, input from the state and local community is essential and STEAB offers

a mechanism for receiving direct feedback from state and local energy experts. The dialogue STEAB opens between EERE and state and local entities transforms otherwise grantor-grantee relationships into a set of partnerships that are critical to achieving America's clean energy future.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All STEAB meetings and teleconference calls are open to the public and have never been closed or partially closed.

21. Remarks

The State Energy Advisory Board was established by Public Law 101-440 (The State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990) to advise the Department of Energy on operations of its Federal grant programs. The Board's statutory charge is to develop recommendations regarding initiation, design, evaluation, and implementation of energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, policies, and technologies. The Board is legislatively mandated to advise and make recommendations to the Secretary of Energy, through the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), on efforts relating to EERE programs, with a specific focus on technology transfer and state issues.

Designated Federal Officer

Michael Li Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Arora, Sumesh	04/03/2018	11/30/2020	Mississippi Development Authority	Representative Member
Blodgett, Kathy	04/03/2018	11/30/2020	Arizona Department of Housing	Representative Member
Bracht, David	04/03/2018	07/30/2018	Kutak Rock LLP	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Brown, Susan	11/30/2015	11/30/2018	Deputy Administrator, Wisconsin Division of Energy	Representative Member
Chatburn, John	04/03/2018	11/30/2020	Idaho Governor's Office of Energy and Mineral Resources	Representative Member
Clarkson, Jim	04/03/2018	11/30/2019	Resource Supply Management	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dykema, Angela	08/01/2018	11/30/2020	Nevada Governor's Office of Energy	Representative Member
Faber-O'Connor, Lauren	11/30/2015	11/30/2018	Deputy Chief Sustainability Officer, Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, City of Los Angeles	Representative Member
Manning, Kristy	04/03/2018	11/30/2020	Missouri Department of Economic Development	Representative Member
Miller, Paul	04/03/2018	07/30/2018	Greater Baton Rouge Clean Air Coalition	Representative Member
Nelson, Bob	04/03/2018	11/30/2019	Montana Consumer Counsel	Representative Member
Peoples, Nicole	04/03/2018	11/30/2020	Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development	Representative Member
Richard, Michael	04/03/2018	11/30/2020	Maryland Public Service Commission	Representative Member
Robinette, Ken	04/03/2018	11/30/2020	South Central Community Action Partnership	Representative Member
Smith Burke, Kelley	04/03/2018	11/30/2019	Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	Representative Member
Springe, David	11/30/2015	11/30/2018	Executive Director, National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates	Representative Member
Talberg, Sally	04/03/2018	11/30/2020	Michigan Public Service Commission	Representative Member
Taylor, Dub	04/03/2018	11/30/2019	Texas State Energy Conservation Office	Representative Member

Vance, Tristan	04/03/2018	11/30/2020	Indiana Office of Energy Development	Representative Member
Wilcox, Geoff	11/30/2015	11/30/2018	Weatherization Program Administrator State of Vermont	Representative Member
Woolf, Malcolm	11/30/2015	11/30/2018	Advanced Energy Economy	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 21

Narrative Description

The State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB) supports the Department of Energy's (DOE) mission and strategic goals to protect our national and economic security, and to promote a diverse supply and delivery of reliable, affordable, and environmentally sound energy. The Board supports this mission by developing recommendations regarding initiation, design, evaluation, and implementation of Federal energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, policies and technologies. Per its legislative mandate, the Board reports these recommendations directly to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE). The recommendations are submitted to the Assistant Secretary in the form of letters or Resolutions. All recommendations aim to pinpoint and ensure EERE's State and local oriented programs are working to promote energy efficiency, conservation, and are striving towards achieving overall national goals as determined by the Department of Energy. Additionally, STEAB serves as a liaison between individual States and the Department of Energy with regard to energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. In this capacity as a liaison, the Board offers a forum through which Federal, State, and local voices can be heard at the Department of Energy. STEAB has utilized a myriad of different avenues such as Task Forces, teleconference calls, live meetings, white-papers and working-papers to focus, meet and advise on current and future challenges for EERE.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Significant program outcomes associated with the committee are contingent upon the

scope of topics and activities assigned by the Assistant Secretary and vary from year to year based upon the needs of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE).

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

71

Number of Recommendations Comments

No recommendations were made in FY18. STEAB drafted numerous recommendations that are awaiting approval by the full Board. The Board was unable to formally adopt recommendations in the latter half of the fiscal year due to not meeting the statutory membership requirements. New appointments to the Board were made in early December and formal adoption of new recommendations will occur in early CY 2019.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

13%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

No new comments.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

37%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

No new comments.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

DOE provides feedback to the STEAB with regards to their Resolutions, white-papers, working documents and other submitted correspondence in the form of letters from the Deputy Assistant Secretaries or from the Assistant Secretary for EERE. Administrative and procedural feedback and guidance is also offered by the Board's Designated Federal Officer.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

The Board submits its Resolutions, white-papers and working-papers to the Assistant Secretary for EERE after they are adopted by the Board.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Online Agency Web Site
Online Committee Web Site
Online GSA FACA Web Site
Publications
Other



Access Comments

<http://www.energy.gov/eere/steab/state-energy-advisory-board>